

CLAIMS

1. Warning device (1) associable to a dental seat, said device being adapted for warning an operator (2) of a patient's request, said device comprising

5 - handling means (12, 14), adapted for being handled by the patient for sending a request signal;

- reception means, in operating connection with said handling means, adapted for receiving said request signal;

10 - interpreting means, in operating connection with said reception means, adapted for emitting a signal that can be interpreted by the operator.

2. Device according to claim 2, wherein said interpreting means are adapted for displaying said warning that can be
15 interpreted by the operator to the patient before emitting it.

3. Device according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said interpreting means comprise a display (12) having at least one portion (14) that can be pointed out following
20 the reception, by said interpretation means, of said request signal.

4. Device according to claim 3, wherein said display (12) exhibits a plurality of said portions (14), each portion being distinguishable from the other.

5. Device according to claim 4, wherein each of said portions (14) is distinguishable from the other by a different colour.

6. Device according to claim 4 or 5, wherein each of said
5 portions (14) is distinguishable from the other by a different position on said display.

7. Device according to any one of claims from 3 to 6, wherein said portion exhibits a representation of said patient's request.

10 8. Device according to any one of claims from 3 to 7, wherein said portion (14) is illuminable.

9. Device according to any one of the previous claims, wherein said interpreting means comprise sound emission means adapted for emitting a sound signal based on said
15 request signal.

10. Device according to any one of the previous claims, wherein said handling means comprise at least one switch (14) for sending said request signal.

11. Device according to claim 10, comprising a warning
20 box (12) wherein there is provided said at least one switch (14).

12. Device according to claim 11, wherein said warning box is adapted for being gripped by the patient.

13. Device according to any one of claims from 9 to 12,

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wherein said at least one switch (14) exhibits a representation of the patient's request.

14. Device according to any one of the previous claims, further comprising means for controlling said
5 interpreting means.

15. Device according to claim 14, wherein said control means comprise means for adjusting the volume (32) of said interpreting means.

16. Device according to claim 14 or 15, wherein said
10 control means comprise language setting means (34).

17. Device according to claim 16, wherein said language setting means comprise a microprocessor.

18. Device according to claim 16 or 17, wherein said language setting means comprise a voice recording device
15 adapted for recording the operator's voice.

19. Device according to any one of the previous claims, comprising removable protection means for covering said handling means.

20. Device according to any one of the previous claims, further comprising means for supporting the interpreting means, adapted for placing said interpreting means in a position suitable for the patient's view.

21. Dental seat associated to a warning device according to any one of the previous claims.

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22. Warning kit comprising a warning device according to any one of claims from 1 to 20 and protection means adapted for covering said handling means.

23. Kit according to claim 22, wherein said protection
5 means comprise a plurality of covers associable to said handling means and removable from them.

24. Kit according to claim 22, wherein said protection means comprise a plurality of bags adapted for containing said handling means.

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